

REMARKS

The Examiner's Office Action dated May 16, 2007 has been received and carefully considered. In the Office Action, claims 1-19, 21 and 23 are allowed, but claim 22 was rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Hongu et al. (U.S. Patent No. 6,384,375).

In conformance with the applicable statutory requirements, this paper constitutes a complete reply and/or a bona fide attempt to advance the application to allowance. Specifically, claim 22 has been amended to depend from allowed claim 23. Reexamination and/or reconsideration of the application as amended are respectfully requested.

CONCLUSION

All formal and informal matters having been addressed, it is respectfully submitted that this application is in condition for allowance. It is believed that the claim changes clearly place the application in condition for allowance. Alternatively, if the Examiner is of the view that the application is not in clear condition for allowance, it is requested that the Examiner telephone the undersigned for purposes of conducting a telephone interview to resolve any outstanding differences. Accordingly, an early notice of allowance is earnestly solicited.

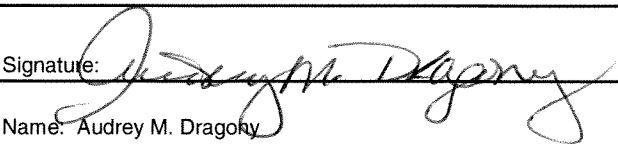
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